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1. The Turkish Government, following arrangements made with the Greek Government, has undertaken a program for the transfer to Turkey from Greece of a total of about 360 Albanian refugees who are presently in Greek internment camps, principally the camp at Piraeus. In addition to Albanians, this figure also includes a small number of Yugoslav, Bulgarian and Rumanian moslems who fled to Greece during the past two years. These persons would be given jobs either as fighting or service troops in the Turkish army.
2. Fifty-three moslems with Turkish passports left Piraeus on a Turkish ship for Turkey on 9 August 1947, in connection with the above program. This is believed to be the first shipment.

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[REDACTED] Comment: The above may be considered with interest in the light of the recently reported efforts of a mission from Egypt to recruit Albanian refugees to be sent to Trans-Jordan as mercenaries. The last available information, the efforts of the Egyptian mission which was headed by an Egyptian prince, proved abortive.

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